

that leverages the expertise residing in every corner of our government.

If history teaches us anything, it is that once the wheels of innovation have stopped and stagnation has set in, mediocrity will soon follow. Nowhere in the world are those wheels of innovation spinning more rapidly than in the area of nanotechnology. This legislation provides a strong foundation and comprehensive framework that elicits contributions from all three sectors of our society in pushing nanotechnology research and development to the next level. I look forward to supporting Senator WYDEN in getting this important bill through the Congress, and encourage my colleagues to join us in setting the stage for U.S. economic growth over the next century.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 139—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT THERE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED A NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES MONTH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. TORRICELLI submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

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Whereas in 2000, the Surgeon General announced a goal of eliminating, by 2010, health disparities experienced by racial and ethnic minorities in health access and outcome in 6 areas: infant mortality, cancer screening, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome and human immunodeficiency virus infection, and immunizations;

Whereas despite notable progress in the overall health of the Nation there are continuing health disparities in the burden of illness and death experienced by African-Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Alaska Natives, Asians, and Pacific Islanders, compared to the population of the United States as a whole;

Whereas minorities are more likely to die from cancer, cardiovascular disease, stroke, chemical dependency, diabetes, infant mortality, violence, and, in recent years, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome than nonminorities suffering from those same illnesses;

Whereas there is a national need for scientists in the fields of biomedical, clinical, behavioral, and health services research to focus on how best to eliminate health disparities between minorities and the population of the United States as a whole;

Whereas the diverse health needs of minorities are more effectively addressed when there are minorities in the health care workforce; and

Whereas behavioral and social sciences research has increased awareness and understanding of factors associated with health care utilization and access, patient attitudes toward health services, and behaviors that affect health and illness, and these factors have the potential to be modified to help close the health disparities gap that effects minority populations: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—

(1) a National Minority Health and Health Disparities Month should be established to promote educational efforts on the health problems currently facing minorities and other populations experiencing health disparities;

(2) the Secretary of Health and Human Services should, as authorized by the Minority Health and Health Disparities Research and Education Act of 2000, present public service announcements on health promotion and disease prevention that target minorities and other populations experiencing health disparities in the United States and educate the public and health care professionals about health disparities;

(3) the President should issue a proclamation recognizing the immediate need to reduce health disparities in the United States and encouraging all health organizations and Americans to conduct appropriate programs and activities to promote healthfulness in minority and other communities experiencing health disparities;

(4) Federal, State, and local governments should work in concert with the private and nonprofit sector to recruit and retain qualified individuals from racial, ethnic, and gender groups that are currently underrepresented in health care professions;

(5) the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality should continue to collect and report data on health care access and utilization on patients by race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and where possible, primary language, as authorized by the Minority Health and Health Disparities Research and Education Act of 2000, to monitor the Nation's progress toward the elimination of health care disparities; and

(6) the information gained from research about factors associated with health care utilization and access, patient attitudes toward health services, and risk and protective behaviors that affect health and illness, should be disseminated to all health care professionals so that they may better communicate with all patients, regardless of race or ethnicity, without bias or prejudice.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4537. Mr. BROWNBACK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4472 proposed by Mr. BYRD to the bill H.R. 5093, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4538. Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. BAYH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4472 proposed by Mr. BYRD to the bill H.R. 5093, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4539. Mr. GRAHAM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4472 proposed by Mr. BYRD to the bill H.R. 5093, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4540. Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4472 proposed by Mr. BYRD to the bill H.R. 5093, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4541. Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. MURKOWSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5093, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4542. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4472 proposed by Mr. BYRD to the bill H.R. 5093, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4543. Mr. WELLSTONE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4472 proposed by Mr. BYRD to the bill H.R. 5093, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4544. Mr. WELLSTONE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4472 proposed by Mr. BYRD to the bill H.R. 5093, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4545. Mr. WELLSTONE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4472 proposed by Mr. BYRD to the bill H.R. 5093, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4546. Mr. WELLSTONE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4472 proposed by Mr. BYRD to the bill H.R. 5093, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4547. Mr. ENZI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4472 proposed by Mr. BYRD to the bill H.R. 5093, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4548. Mr. SARBANES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4472 proposed by Mr. BYRD to the bill H.R. 5093, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4549. Mr. TORRICELLI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4471 proposed by Mr. LIEBERMAN to the bill H.R. 5005, to establish the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4550. Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4472 proposed by Mr. BYRD to the bill H.R. 5093, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4551. Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4532 proposed by Mr. BYRD (for himself and Mr. STEVENS) to the amendment SA 4472 proposed by Mr. BYRD to the bill H.R. 5093, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4552. Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SPECTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4471 proposed by Mr. LIEBERMAN to the bill H.R. 5005, to establish the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4553. Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. BURNS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4472 proposed by Mr. BYRD to the bill H.R. 5093, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4554. Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. ALLEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4471 proposed by Mr. LIEBERMAN to the bill H.R. 5005, to establish the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4555. Mr. ALLARD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5005, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4556. Mr. ALLARD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4471 proposed by Mr. LIEBERMAN to the bill H.R. 5005, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4557. Ms. CANTWELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4471 proposed by Mr. LIEBERMAN to the bill H.R. 5005, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.